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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Friends,

The 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee is in full swing. We've had three events, Brazosport Big Band's Salute, the 75th Anniversary Car and Motorcycle Show, and "Coming Home," that were all spectacular. Our Lake Jackson 75th Anniversary Steering Committee and Lake Jackson employees that were involved did an outstanding job kicking off the Diamond Jubilee.

April will bring some wonderful activities to continue the celebration. On Friday, April 13 the Pioneer Reception will be held at the Lake Jackson Civic Center to honor those families that dodged poison ivy, swatted mosquitos and endured the heat to help establish our City. It's amazing that there are so many family members that are excited about returning. Thanks to social media, the City is getting inquiries from all over the United States as to the details so that folks can be sure to be here for the event.

Saturday, April 14 will be a day when events start at 8 AM and go until 10 PM. At 8 AM will be the Diamond Jubilee 5K Obstacle Course Fun Run that will begin in the area of Gator Field. Information for this fun event can be found on the City website or the City FB page. The 75th Anniversary Parade will begin at 11 AM to kick off the remaining activities for the day. Immediately after the parade at 12 Noon, the items placed in two time capsules on two different occasions will be revealed. The 75th Anniversary Cake will be cut and proclamations will be read. Inflatables and other activities for fun and enjoyment will open during the noon time frame. There will be food trucks with varying menus to satisfy the need for nourishment on a great day.

The Music Festival will begin at 1 PM with Cole Degges playing from 1 PM-2:30, the Spinsations will take the stage from 3:00-4:30, with Checkered Past playing from 5:00-6:30. The Intercoastal Pirates will then play for the Street Dance from 7-10. The Music Festival will be a fun time for all and will follow the format of our Spring Concert events on the Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Thank you Lake Jackson for allowing me to serve as your Mayor for the past six years. You, the citizens, have made a huge contribution to the growth that has and will continue to occur in Lake Jackson. Thanks to the City Councils that have served over the many years to provide the foresight to allow the City grow. City Manager Bill Yenne and his support cast of City employees provide a safe and clean city with future growth to maintain Lake Jackson as the "Diamond" that we have today.

Thanks,

Joe Rinehart

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Lake Jackson Vision Statement
It is the Vision of the City of Lake Jackson to create an ideal community to live, work and play for all.



The Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Lake Jackson Civic Center Civic Center. See page 8 for Civic Center Events, including the Spring Summer Concert Series on the Plaza.

Spring/Summer 2018

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(police, fire and ambulance)
Lake Jackson area code (979)
Police (Non-Emergency)415-2700
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Fire Chief
EMS Chief
City Hall
Utility Billing
Public Works
Inspections
Engineering
City Manager/Administration 415-2500
Civic Center
Recreation Center
Humane Department 415-2700
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Library

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Boards & Commissions Meeting Schedule



CITY COUNCIL

6:30pm • 1st & 3rd Monday

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

(meets at police station) 6:00pm • 2nd Monday

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION

(meets at civic center) 6:00pm • 4th Monday

PLANNING COMMISSION

6:30pm • 1st Tuesday

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

6:30pm • 2nd Tuesday

KEEP LAKE JACKSON BEAUTIFUL

6:00pm • 3rd Tuesday

LIBRARY BOARD

(meets at library)

5:15pm • Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday

Parks & Recreation Board

(meets at rec. center) 5:30pm • 3rd Tuesday

LJ DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Noon • 2nd Thursday

As Called:

♦ BOARD OF HEALTH
♦ HIKE & BIKE COMMITTEE

THE & DIKE COMMITTEE

♦ Museum Board

♦ ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

♦ CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (Odd Years)

♦ Dangerous Structure

DETERMINATION BOARD

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at Lake Jackson City Hall, 25 Oak Drive. You are cordially invited to attend.

Check the City Calendar on our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov for all City Council and Board and Commission agendas. Agendas are typically posted on Friday afternoon or at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Community Spotlight

BRAZORIA COUNT

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Brazoria County Mission 22 is a group of friends, families and veterans that all have been affected by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in some way. The organization seeks to prevent veteran suicides through community awareness, camaraderie, interactions and communication with veterans.

Brazoria County Mission 22 was originally incorporated in Texas as a nonprofit organization in 2017.

According to the VA's Suicide Data Report in 2012, there is a national average of 22 suicides per day, or 8,000 a year. The VA study also showed 11,000 non-fatal suicide attempts a year.

Brazoria County Mission 22 has just completed their third successful hike. It was by far the largest and most successful one so far.

The committee members and the volunteers of Brazoria County Mission 22 put in many man hours to make sure the events throughout the year are a success for the veterans and our supporters.

For more information on Brazoria County Mission 22 please visit our Facebook page or brazoriacountymission22.org, and for donations by check, please mail them to PO Box 1390 Lake Jackson, Texas 77566. For credit card donations through PayPal use the email brazoriacountymission22@ yahoo.com to donate online.







brazoriacountymission22.org













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Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful

K.L.J.B.

@keeplakejacksonbeautiful





Mayor Joe Rinehart & Charlie Chipper at Walk for Habitat at MacLean Park.



Charlie Chipper and School Walkers at the Walk for Habitat. teers at the Walk for Habitat.



Charlie Chipper with BASF Volun-



Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful board members Shirley Ann Miller & Corinne Cammarata set up a booth at Dow's America Recycles Day Event in November.



Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful Board Members at the Veterans Memorial Parkway Cleanup.



Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful dedicated VOLUNTEERS are the Lions Club members!



Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful board member Darren Merritt driving Charlie Chipper in the Festival of Lights Parade.



Volunteers Needed!

The Lake Jackson City Council will be considering appointments of volunteers to serve on its various boards and commissions. Vacancies may or may not occur on the following boards:

- **Planning Commission**
- Traffic Commission
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful
- Library Board

- Senior Citizen Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustments
- O Board of Health
- Youth Advisory Commission
- O Charter Review Commission

Most of the boards and commissions meet once a month. If you would like more information, please contact Sally Villarreal, Asst. City Secretary at 979-415-2401, come by City Hall and pick up an application, or visit our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov. Electronic applications can be sent to avillarreal@ lakejacksontx.gov. Please submit your applications as soon as possible.

Lake Jackson Youth Advisory Council

The LJYAC is a liaison between the youth of Lake Jackson and the City Council. Through service & environmental projects and social events, they promote civic responsibility and safety among Lake Jackson youth.

Students Promoting Leadership Among Teens



YAC Summit Former Olympian, Marion Jones and YAC members at the 18th annual YAC Summit in Cedar Hill, Texas in February



Military MOMS Mary Moreno with Military MOMS accepts donations from YAC Leaders Vivian Jones & Terri Cardwell.



YAC Volunteers YAC volunteers at the Veterans Memorial Parkway Cleanup.



Fall Cleanup YAC members help clean up Shy Pond during the Fall Cleanup in November.



Swearing In YAC officers board members being sworn in for the 2017-2018 year.



TEAM Building YAC officers leading a TEAM Building exercise.



Festival of Lights YAC members help Sledders at Festival of Lights SNOWLAND.



Ready for Snow! YAC volunteers getting ready for SNOWLAND 2017!

Any 7th-12th grade students that live in Lake Jackson can join YAC. he "youth" in ake Jackson by calling Terri Cardwell



Mon., Wed. Thur. 10am - 8pm • Tues, Fri. 10am - 6pm Sat. 10am - 5pm • Closed Sun.

> 'We will be closed July 4th and will not have any programs (regularly scheduled or special) on that day.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

LAKE JACKSON LIBRARY

Fun Art Friday

Every Friday at 10am and 2pm create your own masterpieces including spectroscopes, scratched mandalas and string art. For ages 18 years and younger.

🖈 TeenTime

For older youth and teens, the library will have Teen Book Club, a glow-in-the-dark games, teen craft night, music challenges and a lock-in. Dates and times TBA.

ጵ Craft-Teen

Craft-teen is a "Bad Art Night" for teens. This gives ages 12-18 years a chance to create string art and sound wave art. Thursday, June 22, and July 13, at 6:30pm.

🖈 AdultTime

The library will offer an Escape Room, a build your own Tea evening, a bingo night and more for adults! Our regular events for adults will also take place during the summer. For ages 18 years and older.

★ Book Clubs

Forever Young Adults book club will meet Monday, June 12 at 6:30pm, to discuss "The Yiddish Policemen's Union" by Michael Chabon and on Monday, July 10, to discuss "Death at the Priory" by James Ruddick.

Tea & Talk will meet June 22 at 6:30pm, to discuss "Monster" by Walter Dean Myers and on July 27, to discuss "Sleeping Giants" by Sylvain Neuvel. For ages 18 years and older.

* Bad Art Night

Join us for Bad Art Night where we will be painting by stickers. At Bad Art Night you can create a masterpieceor not! Monday, June 19, 6:30pm and Monday, July 17, 6:30pm For ages 18 years and older.

> For a full schedule of events, please visit the Lake Jackson Library website at http://bcls.lib.tx.us or call the library for more information.

Summer Reading Club

Dive into your favorite books this summer and you will have endless adventures for the whole family!

The Summer Reading Club runs June 1 to July 31, and participants of any ages can sign up online or in person beginning June 1.

The fun doesn't stop with activities for children! The Summer Reading Club is open to adults too! Throughout June and July adults will be invited to write a short review (one or two sentences), of any book they read. The library will have weekly prize drawings every Friday leading up to a grand prize drawing on July 28.

* Summer Fun

Summer Fun activities will kick-off on Friday, June 1, at 2pm with the Annual Luau.

On Wednesday, July 11 at 10am, Orbit, the Houston Astros' mascot, will visit the library for a special storytime and presentation.

* Storytime

Storytime includes wonderful stories, music, movement, and crafts for small children.

Preschool Storytime will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30am for children ages 3-5 years.

Toddler Time will meet Thursdays at 10:30am for infants and toddlers.

Every Wednesday at 3:30pm, Baby Bounce provides music, rhymes, and play time for newborns through age two.

* Exploration Wednesday

Each Wednesday during June and July at 2pm, the Library will host presentations for youth to explore magic, music, reptiles and wildlife, electricity with Tesla Coils, chemistry, and more!

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Civic Center 415-2600

Monday thru Friday 8am - 5pm **333 Texas HWY 332**



he Lake Jackson Senior Citizens Commission upholds their mission of "making a difference in the life of every person who is 55 and older".

The Lake Jackson Senior Commission meets every 4th Monday of the month at 6:00pm at the Civic Center. You are invited to attend!

UPCOMING EVENTS

GAMES DAY

Every Wednesday * 3pm - 5pm

42 DOMINOES

First Thursday of every month * 6pm - 8pm

Heart Healthy Workshop * 2pm - 5pm RSVP to 415-2600

> MAY 8 & JUNE 12 Card Making * 6pm - 8pm RSVP to 415-2600

> > MAY 15

Crafting * 6pm-8pm RSVP to 415-2600

MAY 29

Repair broken jewelry class * 6pm - 8pm RSVP to 415-2600

MAY 31

Bunco Blast * \$5 person

6pm - 8:30pm

SPACE LIMITED!

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS May 25

JUNE 19

Geneology Class * 6pm - 8pm RSVP to 415-2600

JULY 17

Bingo! * 6pm - 8:30pm

Senior Commission activities are held at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. All activities are free of charge unless otherwise specified.

info and R.S.V.P. 979-415-2600

Keep • Check our ad in Wednesdays' Facts

Posted on • Website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov

Current • The Lake Jackson Civic Center

Events • Channel 16 Comcast

Facebook. Lake Jackson Seniors



SPRING SUMMER

fRIDДY NICHTS

7pm-IOpm*

at the Lake Jackson Civic Center **Veterans** Memorial Plaza

RAIN OR SHINE! BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIRS & REFRESHMENTS. Cole Degges

April 27

7 Bridges Band (Eagles Tribute)

May 4 **Checkered Past**

May 11 Shotgun Road

May 18 Intercoastal Pirates

May 25 **Brazos Valley All Stars**

> June 1 The Slags

June 8

The Spinsations

June 15 The Karz

June 22

Southern County Line Band

June 29

The Rockafellas

Wednesday, July 4 * (7pm-9pm)

Cole Degges

Fireworks, Waterslides & Food Trucks!





















Parks & Rec.

The Rec. Center 297-4533

Monday thru Friday: 5:45am - 9pm Saturday: 8am - 6pm • Sunday: 1 - 6pm

ooking to get out and do something this summer? Join Lake Jackson Parks and Rec in Rec'ing the Parks! Get outside, play some games, and make new friends with this new open program! No fees, no registrations, just fun and games organized by our staff! The activities are targeted at 6-12 year olds but anyone is welcome to come and participate!! Check out some of the fun activities we will have!



... These are just some of the fun things you can expect this Summer!

JOIN US FROM 9:00AM - 11:00AM, **TUESDAYS AT THESE LOCATIONS:**

June 19 — Lloyd Morrison Park

June 26 — Garland Park

July 10 — Jasmine Park

July 17 — Lloyd Morrison Park

July 24 — Garland Park

July 31 — Jasmine Park

SUMMER PROGRAM (CELSTICATION)

Members Only Registration begins Monday, April 16 Open Registration - Monday, June 30

Book your outdoor pool party, sign up for swim lessons, summer camps, and Teen Adventures! The outdoor pool will be open for parties starting April 2

TEEN ADVENTURES

TEEN ADVENTURES FOR TEENS AGES 11-15

Is your teen bored during the Do they sit in front of the TV and complain about having nothing to do? Send them to Lake Jackson Parks and Recreation's Teen Adventures!

Main Event (Webster)

Tues., June 21, 10a - 3p • \$35 m / \$45 nm Full Access passes to whatever you fancy at Main Event! Bowling, laser tag, arcade games, food, and FUN!!! Register: m-April 16 - June 7 / nm-April 30 - June 7

MSR Houston Kart Racing **NEW!!!**

Thurs., June 28, 10a - 2p • \$40 m / \$50 nm Featuring the largest outdoor track in the Houston area, and Italian made karts that can reach 45MPH. This trip will include 3 heart pounding, 15 minute rides and a picnic. Register: m-April 16 - June 14 / nm-April 30 - June 14

Sky Zone Trampoline Park (Houston)

Tues., July 12, 10a - 3p • \$45 m / \$55 nm Food, aerial acrobatics, dodgeball (10 feet in the air), and so much more!! Fly head first with friends into this popular adventure! Register: m-April 16 - June 28 / nm-April 30 - June 28

Battlefield Houston NEW!!!

Thurs., June 19, 10a - 3p • \$60 m / \$70 nm Forget everything you think you know about laser tag! Engage in a new battle with all your frenemies! We'll stop in at Cici's on the way home to help us recover after 2 hours of battle games! Drinks at the Battlefield included.

Register: m-April 16 - July 5 / nm-April 30 - July 5

Houston Zoo Overnight

Thurs., July 26, 3p - Fri. July 27, 10a • \$90 m / \$100 nm One of our most popular adventures last year is back! Spend the night at the zoo for a totally unique after-hours experience! Guided flash light tours, pizza dinner, and continental breakfast provided. Register: m-April 16 - July 12 / nm-April 30 - July 12

iFlv (Katv)

Thurs., Aug. 2, 10a - 4p • \$60 m / \$70 nm Back by popular demand! When you go to iFly, get ready to be blown away... LITERALLY!!! It's a thrilling ride on nothing but air! It's fun, it's safe, and a unique experience. Lunch at Cici's included. Register: m-April 16 - July 19 / nm-April 30 - July 19

> Space is limited to 15 teens per adventure, unless otherwise specified.



Parks & Rec.

GULF COAST REGIONAL BLOOD DRIVE

Facility: The Recreation Center-Studio 5 Thursdays: April 26, May 24, June 28, Dates:

July 26, August 23

Times: 2:30-7:00pm

For dates and date changes visit the website: www.giveblood.org Sponsor code: 0201



NEW Labor Day Lap-a-thon

What better way to

spend Labor Day than with

a Lap-a-thon at the Recreation Center?!

This will be a 2 mile swim to stretch your limits, make some friends, have some fun, and leave with a souvenir!!

Facility: The Recreation Center Lap Pool

Date: Monday, September 3 Time: 8:00am-10:00am 12vrs and older Age:

\$20 Fee:

Register: Members: April 16 - Race Day

Non-Member: April 30 - Race Day

*Registrations after August 20 are not guaranteed

a race souvenir



Get ready for a special night just for mothers and their sons! Join us for a "tropical" night of dancing, have your photo taken, win door prizes, and have tons of fun with your favorite little man!

Facility: The Civic Center Ballroom

Date: Friday, September 14

6:30-9:30pm Time:

\$30 per couple, Fee:

\$10 each additional child

Ticket Sales: August 6 - September 7

(or until sold out)

Limited Tickets are available

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY



- 10-10:30am aqua tots, children 5 and under, beginners
- 11-11:30am 6 and older, intermediate or advanced
- 10:30-11am & 11:30-12pm meet the teacher, Q&A
- ➤ All ages and ability levels
- ➤ Participating Apartments: Shadow Park, The Springs of Lake Jackson and More coming!
- ➤ City of Lake Jackson lifeguard will be present
- Limited spots available so pre-register at participating apartments or LJ Rec Center.



BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS

Fridays at 8:00pm, at MacLean Park Pavilion, unless otherwise specified. Join us for Movies in the Park! Kick back, relax and enjoy a movie with the family on our GIANT 16-foot screen! Movies will be shown rain or shine! All featured movies are rated PG.

FREE to the public. \$1 concessions available. No registration necessary, just come and enjoy!

June 8 Despicable Me 3 (PG)

June 22 Coco (PG)

July 6 Sherlock Gnomes (PG)

July 20 Ferdinand (PG)

August 3 Beauty and the Beast Live Action Sing-along (PG)*

(will start at 8:30pm)

*at the outdoor pool (Limited Entrance)



arks & Rec

City of Lake Jackson

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Get your family and friends ready for some 4th of July fun, right here in Lake Jackson!

Start out the morning at Dunbar Park for the annual Dow Firecracker 4, 5k hosted by LJFAT, then stroll on over to the kayak launch in Dunbar for Lake Jackson Parks and Recreation's Rubber Duck Regatta. Finally, finish off the night at the Civic Center for some fun Kids activities and Live Music, followed by one of the area's largest fireworks display! All events to take place Wednesday, July 4.

The Dow Firecracker 4

An annual 4th of July 5k hosted by LJFAT, sponsored by Lake Jackson Parks and Recreation

Facility: Dunbar Park Race Time: 7:30am

Visit firecracker4.ljfat.com for more info.

Rubber Duck Regatta



Live Music & Kids' Activities



Fun for the whole family as you dance the night away listening to live music by Cole Degges while the kids get to enjoy some fun kids' activities! Then stick around to see the fireworks!

Facility Civic Center

Time: 7:00pm

FREE Fees:

Fireworks Display

Gather with family and friends to enjoy one of the area's largest fireworks displays!

Download the app "Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics" to listen to music during the show.

Fireworks will be set off at Dunbar at dark (approximately 9:20pm)



DOWNLOAD

Download the "Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics" app to listen to music during the show!

Get out on Oyster Creek for some kayak and canoe fun! Teams will compete to be one of the first 25 teams to retrieve 8 different rubber ducks that will be corralled along the creek, and bring them back to the starting point in order to win a prize! The total course length will be approximately 1 mile.

Teams can consist of up to two people and should bring their own kayaks or canoes, lifejackets, and paddles. A limited supply of kayaks will be available for use on site.

Facility: Dunbar Park Kayak Launch

Check in: Begins at 9:00am

All boats should be in the water by 10:15am

Race Start: 10:30am

End Time: All boats must be out of the water by 12:15pm

Ages: All ages welcome

FREE Fees:

*Preregister at the Recreation Center or register that morning starting at 9:00am at the

Dunbar Park Kayak Launch



Public Works 415-2430

Public Works

Residential	Waste	Collection	n Sched	lule
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	Household Waste	Recycling	Heavy Trash
North of Oyster	Mon.	Thurs.	Week of 1st
Creek Drive	& Thurs.		& 3rd Mondays
South of Oyster	Tues.	Fri.	Week of 2 nd
Creek Drive	& Fri.		& 4 th Mondays

Running Clean With CNG

Recipient of the Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Award and NGVA Lone Star Award, the City of Lake Jackson continues to work on improving air quality. Replacing gasoline and diesel vehicles with vehicles that run on compressed natural gas (CNG) has been a priority since 2001.



The newest addition to the City of Lake Jackson fleet. 2018 CNG Ford Transit Connect

Did you know...

- By operating our vehicles on CNG, we save our local taxpayers in excess of \$160,000 annually in fuel costs alone.
- Replacing one diesel refuse truck with a CNG refuse truck is equivalent to taking 350 cars off the road.
- Natural gas rises quickly, so in the event of a leak or emergency venting, surrounding ecosystems and water systems are not threatened.
- The United States currently has over 200 years of natural gas stored.

Well #5 Replacement

Due to low production at the existing well, the well will be replaced to increase production. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has approved permit and design. We hope to bid this project very soon.

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

The 2017-18 fiscal year will be a busy time for utilities. We have several capital improvement projects in the wastewater system. We hope to begin a three phase project to rehabilitate the system on Plantation, Sycamore and areas in that part of town. This is an effort to reduce storm water intrusion into our wastewater

collection system. This is called infiltration and inflow, which causes excessive flows at the wastewater plant, damage to pumps, and sewer back-ups. The repair of sanitary sewer systems promotes growth in business and increases the quality of life for residents through a more reliable and dependable wastewater collection system.



Operator Training Program for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Water and Wastewater Operator License

In 2017 The City of Lake Jackson made a commitment to increase the certification levels of the Utility Departments Operators.

The Commitment was backed fully by City Manager, Bill Yenne, and Personnel Director, Jose Sanchez. We sent operators and laborers to training, which consisted of 5 20-hour courses conducted at the Civic Center. The courses ranged from Basic Water and Wastewater Operations to Ground Water Operations. These courses had 10 attendees on average. The classes were held at 5:00pm every night Monday through Thursday. After working an 8-hour day, employees came to class and studied their field in order to become more knowledgeable in their field, and to become certified in Water and Wastewater Operations. Their efforts paid off and since 2017 we have several employees who have become certified, achieved higher certifications, and have been promoted.

- Debra Webb-B Level Water and Wastewater Operator
- Kristina Watson-C Level Water and Wastewater Operator
- Harley Risinger C Level Water and Wastewater Operator
- Jimmy Carvoo-C Groundwater Operator
- Will Horsley-C Level Wastewater Operator
- John Roy Gutierrez-C Level Wastewater Operator
- · Leticia Suniga-D Level Wastewater Operator
- John Trevino-D Level Wastewater Operator

A Water/Wastewater operator must be able to understand mathematics, basic chemistry, mechanics, basic electrical theory, and hydraulics. The main responsibility of a Wate/ Wastewater Operator in the State of Texas is to protect the health of the community and protect the waters of Texas.

Your **VOTE** is Your **VOICE** so Make it **COUNT**.

- ELECTION DAY -- MAY 5, 2018 -

The general election for the City of Lake Jackson will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Election Day voting for all Lake Jackson precincts will be held at the Lake Jackson Civic Center (333 E. Hwy 332) from 7am-7pm

Early Voting location for Lake Jackson residents will be at the Lake Jackson Library (250 Circle Way). Residents may also vote at any early voting location within Brazoria County. Please visit our Elections Page on our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov for a list of other early voting locations.

- EARLY VOTING -- DATES & TIMES -

Mon. April 23 - Fri. April 27 8:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday April 28 7:00am - 7:00pm

Mon., April 30 -Tues., May 1 7:00am - 7:00pm

MAY 2018 BALLOT

<u>Mayor</u> Bob Sipple Gerald Roznovsky

CITY COUNCIL POSITION #2
Vinay Singhania

CITY COUNCIL POSITION #4
R. L. "Buster" Buell, III

City Secretary

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The Charter Review Commission meets every odd numbered year. The City of Lake Jackson Charter is studied by the committee and changes are recommended that will keep it current with everyday needs, as well as operating within state and federal regulations.

Many of the changes proposed are simply a language cleanup within the current charter.

Members of the 2017 Commission were: Pinkey Hartline Jr., Chair, Darrell Bourgeois, Larry Parrett, Michael Cloeter, Josie La Chance

To view the Charter Review Commission Report, please visit our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov

Proposed Amendment A

Shall section 3.01 (Number, selection, and term) be amended to state that councilmembers shall be eligible to serve four terms (a term is two years)?

O Yes O No

Proposed Amendment B

Shall section 3.01 (Number, selection, and term) be amended to state that mayors may serve four terms (a term is two years)? O Yes O No

Proposed Amendment C

Shall section 3.01 (Number, selection, and term) be amended to state that councilmembers who have served the maximum number of terms allowed are eligible to serve another four terms as Mayor (a term is two years)?

O Yes O No

Proposed Amendment D

Shall section 4.06 (Department of Health and Sanitation) be amended to state that the Board of Health shall meet only as needed? O Yes O No

Proposed Amendment E

Shall section 5.03 (Filing for office) be amended to delete references to the dates that applications for city council must be filed so that candidates can follow the state filing law?

O Yes O No

Proposed Amendment F

Shall section 5.04 (The official ballot) be amended to remove antiquated wording such as the "printing" of official ballots? O Yes O No

Proposed Amendment G

Shall section 5.05 (Election by majority) be amended to clarify that a runoff election is between the two candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes?

O Yes O No

Proposed Amendment H

Shall section 5.05 (Election by majority) be amended by deleting the timing of the runoff election so that the runoff election can be scheduled by the county elections administrator?

O Yes O No

Proposed Amendment I

Shall all sections that state that a future action requires publication in the newspaper also require that the future action be posted on the city website?

O Yes O No

Proposed Amendment J

Shall all board and commission appointments be made within 45 days of the regular city election?

O Yes O No



Ordinances & Resolutions

The following ordinances and resolutions were passed by City Council recently. For more information go to www.lakejackson-tx.org and click on the Code of Ordinance link or call the City Secretary's office at 979-415-2403.

	Ordinances	
Ord #	Description	Date Adopted
17-2141	Adopted the 2017 Electrical Code	09/05/17
17-2142	Disaster Declaration Extension	08/28/17
17-2143	Amend Chapter 95 Telecommunications to include Small Node Cell	08/28/17
17-2144	Adopt Tax Rate	09/18/17
17-2145	Terminating Disaster	09/18/17
17-2146	Utility Rate Ordinance	09/18/17
17-2147	Allow Temporary Post Disaster Housing	10/03/17
17-2148	Issued 2017 Bonds \$250,000 for improvements to downtown;	
	\$1,000,000 for the Plantation Bridge; \$450,000 for residential streets;	
	\$800,000 for drainage improvements; \$500,000 for traffic improvements	10/16/17
17-2149	Issued 2017 Water & Sewer Bonds \$4,990,000 for Basin 6 and Lake Forest	
	and Huisache Areas	10/16/17
17-2150	Rezoned 503 Oyster Creek Drive from R-2 Single Family to B-3 Institutional	11/06/17
17-2151	Repealing Chapter 30 Elections	11/06/17
18-2152	Calling Charter Amendment Election for May 5, 2018	02/05/18
18-2153	Calling Officer Election for May 5, 2018	02/05/18
18-2154	Amend Chapter 90 Subdivisions restricting the placement of utility equipment	
	in the Plantation Subdivision to be placed underground or in dedicated	
	easements, drainage rights-of-way or on existing utility structures	02/05/18
18-2155	Add definition of Parks in Chapter 66 Parks and Recreation	02/05/18
18-2156	Add definition of election event in Chapter 78 Signs	02/05/18
	Resolutions	
Res #	Description	
17-R-780	Approve Design Manual for Downtown	08/28/17
17-R-781	Approve Fy 17-18 Annual Budget	09/05/17
17-R-782	Budget Amendment to increase expenditures in the PEG fund	10/02/17
17-R-783	Appoint HGAC (Houston Galveston Area Council) Representative and Alternate	10/02/17
17-R-784	BCAD Board votes	11/06/17
17-R-785	Approve Grant application for rifle resistant body armor for Police Department	11/06/17
17-R-786	Amend Budget for purchase of 202 Winding Way	11/20/17
17-R-787	Amend Budget for emergency repairs to LJ Historical Museum	11/20/17
17-R-788	Waive Rental Fees at Civic Center for Rotary Shrimp boil forthcoming	12/04/17
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18-R-789 Amend Employee Policy on Catastrophic Events



WE NEED YOU! DON'T DELAY, JOIN TODAY!

Shift Workers Welcome!



Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS

- MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- XNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
-))) HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- >>> PRACTICE using different ways out.
- TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
-))) CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
-))) CALL the fire department from outside your home.

FACTS

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- According to an NFPA survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- (!) While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- (1) One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

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Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevent the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns.

WHY HOARDING INCREASES FIRE RISKS

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces.
 If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

HOW HOARDING IMPACTS FIRST RESPONDERS

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care.
 The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

- When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.
- Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month.
- Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.



Coffee with a COP

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

The Lake Jackson Police Department will be having a Coffee with a COP each quarter. Please watch the Lake Jackson Police Department Facebook Page for dates and location.

Teen Summer Program Young Citizen Police Academy

The Young Citizen Police Academy is a four day summer program of instruction designed to give young citizens a working knowledge of the Lake Jackson Police Department. The course, free of charge, consists of a series of classes including graduation.. The classes are from 9am-4pm, Monday-Wednesday and 9am-12noon on Thursday. Students will arrive at the Lake Jackson Police Department each morning and will be provided a complimentary lunch. On Thursday there will be a graduation / luncheon. Parents are invited to attend the graduation. Class participants are students who have completed the seventh grade through seniors in high school. Classes consist of a maximum of 15 young men and women. The students' input from class evaluations is used in structuring the contents of future classes in hopes that the course will continue to be improved each year.

Different topics will be covered each day by supervisors and staff assigned to the various units of the Police Department. The Academy will cover such diverse topics as police training, communications, family violence, juvenile issues, criminal investigation and SWAT, with particular emphasis on patrol functions. The Patrol Division most often comes in contact with teenagers. Instruction will consist of lectures, tours, demonstrations, role-play and hands-on practice. Students will have the opportunity to ride with a police officer during an actual tour of duty. Chief Park and members of his staff will be available throughout the course, should students need clarification or further information.

You can sign up for the class on-line or applications are available in the Police Department lobby. Contact Officer Wright for information. rwright@lakejacksonpd.net • (979) 415-2700

Hunters Education Classes



Hunters Education Classes will be held at the Police Department June - October. Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Minimum age of certification is nine years of age.

Hunter Education provides instruction in Texas hunting regulations, wildlife management and identification, conservation, ethics, firearm and hunting safety and responsibility, and outdoor skills. This course is particularly suited to novice or young hunters. All materials are provided and subjects are covered in depth to enable the student to successfully complete the Hunter Education certification process.

AARP Safe Driver Classes

AARP safe driver classes are offered at the Police Department throughout the year. Most Insurance companies offer discounts for course completion.



School will be out soon for summer break. Please drive safely and watch for children.





Law Enforcement Career Exploring

Law Enforcement Career Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of law enforcement.

Law Enforcement Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the

The most popular Law Enforcement Exploring careers include:

- ➤ Police Officers
- Sheriffs
- ➤ Federal Agents
- ➤ State Police/Highway Patrol
- ➤ Probation Officers
- ➤ Military Police
- Correction Officers

Law Enforcement Exploring combines some classroom training with Ride-Alongs in police vehicles, Community Policing and much more...

You will develop:

- ➤ Leadership Skills
- Respect for police officers & explorers
- ➤ New personal skills
- ➤ Marksmanship
- ► Law Enforcement Protocols

You will learn:

- ➤ Accident Scene Procedures
- ➤ Bomb Threat Response
- Proper Equipment usage

You will have an opportunity to participate in

- ➤ Ride-Alongs
- ► National Events & Competitions
- ➤ Community Service

You will have an opportunity to network with

- ► Explorers across the USA
- ➤ Law Enforcement Officers
- ➤ Federal Agencies

You will learn about the educational requirements for a career in Law Enforcement and will receive tangible advice on steps you can take now to prepare and position yourself for a successful career in the field of law enforcement program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation.

Nationally, over 33,000 Explorers and 8,425 adult volunteers participate in Law Enforcement Exploring. The program highlights include: the National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academies, ride-alongs, career achievement awards, National Law Enforcement Exploring Conferences, and scholarship opportunities.



Lake Jackson Police Explorers on a rafting trip



Lake Jackson Police Explorers awarded at competition



Lake Jackson Police Explorers in Colorado



Construction Update





Downtown Revitalization South Parking Place Phase (Carriage Square)

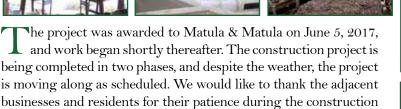














process. Some of the features of the project will be the addition of:

- Pavilion
- Pedestrian Lights
- Benches
- Café Tables
- Focal Feature





















10-Inch Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement on Marigold Street

Ward, Getz & Associates, from Houston, TX was hired to provide engineering design services for the 10-Inch sanitary sewer line replacement on Marigold Street (218 Marigold to 101 Oyster Bend Lane). The City has prepared the bid documents for advertisement and the project is anticipated to be completed by the end of April 2018.

For more about Lake Jackson's construction updates visit our city website at:

www.lakejackson-tx.gov



Baker & Lawson, Angleton, TX were hired to provide the infrastructure design for the pavement replacement with sidewalks, drainage and utilities. The City Engineering department is in the process of finalizing their plan review.

Our anticipated bid opening is scheduled for May 2018.







Drainage Improvements for the Willow Drive, Blossom and Daisy Street Areas

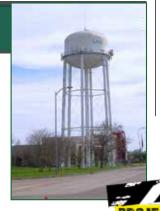
Damian & Associates Inc. (D&A) were originally hired to design improvements of the current drainage system to alleviate inundation of these areas that often occurs from the more frequent storm events. Unfortunately, D&A notified the city that they would not be able to complete the project. On November 8, 2017 the city hired John D. Mercer & Associates from Edna, TX for the continuation of the project.

To date, approximately 81% of engineering, topographic survey, and drafting work proposed has been completed. The project is expected to be completed by the end of April 2018 with the bidding process for construction to follow immediately thereafter.



Oak Tower Rehabilitation

The water tower located at Oak Drive will undergo a face lift this year. The elevated storage tank will have structural work done and new exterior and interior coatings. The preliminary scope of work has been discussed and we hope to bud the project in spring.





Plantation Drive Crossing Improvements Bridge/Roadway

The contract was awarded to John Reed & Company, Houston, TX in December 2017. The project will consist of a two-lane bridge between Medical Drive and Oleander; similar to the existing eastbound bridge.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our residents in the vicinity for their patience during the completion of the pile driving portion of the project.









Traffic Signal Construction at Oak Drive and Circle Way

The project's installation of three right turning roadways, and sidewalk construction was awarded to Tex-Con Services, Angleton, TX on August 7, 2017 and was completed mid-February.

The traffic signal installation was awarded to Statewide Traffic Signal, Houston, TX on August 21, 2017. We are waiting on the delivery of the traffic signal masts and arms from the manufacturer and we anticipate the delivery in approximately 12 - 14 weeks.







HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1-NOVEMBER 30

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Watch and listen for local news, stay informed and

Hurricane READY

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Prepare Your Home



Prepare Your Vehicle





Most of us have come to rely heavily on our cell phones and other electronic devices to store our contacts and other valuable data. Power outages during and after a storm could leave you without access to important information. Have a written list or print out of key contacts and copies of any other documents you may need in an emergency.

Do You Need A Ride?









Dial 2-1-1 to Register for a Ride

If you need assistance to get out of town during a storm evacuation, reserve your ride to safety by dialing 2-1-1. WALL AND THE THE If you think you need to evacuate, be ready and leave as early as possible. Mandatory evacuation orders will come from your local officials based on zip codes.

Please be prepared to leave immediately. IT IS NOT SAFE TO WAIT!

EVACUATING TIPS:

- Keep your vehicle in good repair with at least a half a tank of fuel. Fill your tank before evacuating.
- Check on friends and neighbors who may need assistance
- Prepare your disaster supplies kit NOW and take it with you when you evacuate. Have a check list.
- Know your evacuation route. Coordinate your departure with others traveling with you.
- Secure your home and evacuate quickly.

If you're traveling with children pack items to help keep them entertained:

• Reading, puzzle, game, coloring books

- Batteries/chargers for electronics
- · Low sugar snacks and drinks
- Blanket/pillow/Favorite toy
- A change of clothes (for emergencies)



DO NOT LEAVE PETS BEHIND!

Be sure to bring these **Important Pet Supplies:**

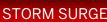
- Food and Water
- Non-tippable food/water
- · Leash, Harness or Carrier
- Records of Vaccinations
- Medications



Should you choose not to evacuate, please remember there are NO SHELTERS in Brazoria County. There will be NO SERVICES available to you (sewer, water, etc.). Hospitals will close, ambulances will not run, and police and fire cannot respond until the storm passes.

Hurricane hazards come in many forms. Be aware of all types of hurricane hazards and Prepare Yourself!







TORNADOS



FLOODING





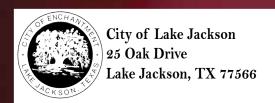
MAKING IT EASY TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL

- 1. Come to City Hall and make your payment with cash, check or credit card
- 2. Mail your payment to 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson TX 77566
- 3. Sign up for Auto Bank Draft
- 4. Go to our website, click on the button that says "Online Payments"

SIGNUP FOR AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFTS, E-NOTIFICATIONS, & SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNTS

There is no charge to take advantage of these billing services. Just complete the form, check the boxes for the services you would like to add to your account, and return it to the water department. *It's that easy!*

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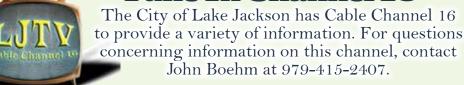
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